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**Delegation of Ukraine
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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine in response to
the address by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs
and Trade of Ireland H.E. Mr. Eamon Gilmore**

As for delivery by Permanent Representative H.E. Mr. Ihor Prokopchuk
to the Permanent Council, 22 June 2011

Mr. Chairman,

The Delegation of Ukraine warmly welcomes the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland H.E. Mr. Eamon Gilmore to the special meeting of the Permanent Council.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the incoming Chairman-in-Office with his country's OSCE Chairmanship in 2012.

The Delegation of Ukraine welcomes priority areas of the Irish Chairmanship in all three dimensions. We commend the approach of the incoming Chair to preserve continuity in the work of the OSCE Chairmanships. In this regard Ukraine is looking forward to working closely with Ireland in the OSCE Troika next year.

As OSCE Chairmanship of 2013, we attach particular importance to the fulfilment of tasks mandated by the leaders of the OSCE participating States in Astana. We share the view that without enhanced effort and political will on the part of all participating States we cannot move closer to the realization of the vision of a free, democratic, common and indivisible security community across the OSCE area, to which the leaders of the OSCE participating states recommitted themselves in Astana.

Mr. Chairman,

Development of a concrete action plan towards the strengthened OSCE remains a key challenge for the current and upcoming chairmanships, including Ukraine.

In this regard, we welcome the intention of the Irish Chairmanship to pursue the comprehensive dialogue that began with the Corfu Process in 2009 and was carried on by the Lithuanian Chairmanship.

We look forward to our joint work in the course of this and next years towards achieving tangible results and progress in strengthening and modernizing our Organisation.

In conclusion, I would like to assure His Excellency of the readiness of Ukraine to provide our full support to the incoming Irish Chairmanship and work closely in furthering the OSCE agenda.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.